Payment of non-practising allowance to veterinary graduates by Banks

693. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nationalised banks throughout the country recruit veterinary graduates in their establishments as a regular measure;

(b) if so, the details thereof including their qualifications and work assigned to them;

(c) whether the non-practising allowance in term of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure order dated 29th September, 1988 is granted to the veterinary graduates employed by the banks; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has reported that consequent upon the introduction of Lead Bank Scheme and social banking in the mid-seventies and thereafter, some of the nationalised banks had recruited graduates in veterinary science in the officer cadre in Junior Management Grade Scale-I as Field Officers according to the individual requirement of banks. These officers were assigned duties related to appraisal, sanction and follow up of credit proposals covering poultry, dairy and other animal husbandry schemes received at and financed by rural/semi-urban branches.

(c) and (d) The order dated the 29th September, 1988 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, was issued by Government of India on the basis of the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission applicable to Central Government Employees. It does not cover the officers of Public Sector Banks whose salaries and allowances are determined and revised in accordance with an understanding reached between IBA and representatives of Industry Level Officers' Associations from time to time.